

— Capsule Summary
SM-409
Julia Dyson house
New Market
Private

1921

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Because of this site's proximity to the railroad track, it has been occupied by a variety of commercial concerns. All that remains of these structures are two one-room outbuildings. The meathouse is actually a salvaged portion of the "T. B. Davis and Brother" store which stood here in the late nineteenth century. An outbuilding at the southern edge of the property is the former office for the "New Market Manufacturing Company." Founded by Elbert Dyson in the 1920s, this ice plant and flour mill complex was in operation until the 1960s.

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870 - 1930.

Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM409

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Julia Dyson House

2. Location

street & number Route 6 (New Market La Plata Rd) ☐ not for publication

city, town New Market ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Julia Dyson

street & number Rt.] Box 2 telephone no.: 301-274-3270

city, town Charlotte Hall state and zip code Md. 20622

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clerk of Court liber EBA 19

street & number St. Mary's County Courthouse folio 85
Leonardtown

city, town state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM - 409

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 2

The Julia Dyson house is located on the south side of Route 6 (La Plata - New Market Road) in the village of New Market. This house is one of a row of three closely spaced frame houses built in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries on the south side of Route 6 near its intersection with Route 5. The property line of this two-and-a-half story, three bay frame structure is bordered by a hedge row. The house faces north, and is capped by a hipped roof.

Built in 1921 by Leo "Gummy" Higgs, the exterior of the Dyson house is sheathed with asbestos shingle siding. The eave of the house is finished with a wide, plain frieze band. The foundation consists of cinderblock piers and molded concrete block infill. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The first floor of the north (main) elevation is sheltered by a cement floor porch with turned post supports. A frieze of delicate spindlework ornamentation is suspended from the porch ceiling. This first floor is pierced by a six-light-over-three-panel door with three-light sidelights and a three-light transom window as its central bay. To the east of this door is one six-over-one window. To the west of the central door is a two-story, three-sided bay lit on the first and second floor by three four-over-one sash windows. The two eastern bays of the north elevation's second floor consists of two six-over-one sash windows. Centered above these two bays is a cross gable sheathed with saw-tooth shingles and lit by a four-pane window with a peaked crown molding.

The east elevation is lit by three six-over-one sash windows on both the first and second floors. Centered on the roofline of this elevation is a cross gable sheathed with saw-tooth shingles and lit by a four-pane window with a peaked crown molding. Behind this gable rises an interior brick chimney. A one-story, enclosed porch projects to the south of the house. This formerly open porch is now sheathed with aluminum siding and supported by a full cinderblock foundation. This structure is lit on the east side by a pair of one-over-one sash windows.

The first floor of the south elevation is completely obscured by the enclosed porch. The porch is pierced by a centrally placed entrance door flanked by a pair of one-over-one sash windows on the east and by three one-over-one sash windows on the west. Behind this porch, the first floor of the house is pierced by a central six-light-over-three panel entrance door flanked by one six-over-one sash window on the east and two six-over-one sash windows on the west. The second floor is lit by three six-over-one sash windows.

8. Significance

Survey No. SM - 409

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1921 Builder/Architect "Gummy" Higgs

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Prior to the construction of the house, the "T. B. Davis and Brother" store stood on the property. As early as 1896, when the property was transferred from Elkanah H. Edwards to Thomas B. Davis, two dwellings, a stable, and a store house stood on this site (JG 3/420). Only a portion of the store house remains. Part of this structure was salvaged and used by the Dyson family as a meathouse.

In the 1920s, the Dyson family constructed an ice plant and flour mill near the southern edge of the property. Known as the "New Market Manufacturing Company," the business was in operation until the 1960s. Today, all that remains of the complex is the one-room building which originally served as the office.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-409

Dyson, Kenneth. Personal Interview. January 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.5 acresQuadrangle name Charlotte HallQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification "...being near New Market in the Fifth Election District..

where the public road leading from all Faith Church to New Market crosses the railroad track and on the east side of said railroad and in the south side of said public road.." St. Mary's County Land Record EBA 19/85

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ

date January 1994

street & number

telephone (301) 475-4662

city or town Leonardtown

state Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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7.1 Description

The west elevation is lit by four six-over-one sash windows on the first floor and by a pair of one-over-one sash windows on the southern, one-story porch enclosure. The second floor is lit by four six-over-one sash windows. A cross gable is centered on the roofline of this elevation. This gable is sheathed with saw-tooth shingles and lit by a four-pane window with a peaked crown molding. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof at the southern end of this gable.

The interior consists of an irregular plan which retains much of its original woodwork. Pocket doors separate the front parlor from the hall. A closed stringer, winder stair with a turned newell post and turned balusters provides access to the second floor.

There are four outbuildings and a vacant trailer located on the property. Closest to the house is a one-room, gable roof structure which was used as a meathouse by the Dyson family. According to the current owner, this structure already stood on the property at the time of the Dyson purchase and had been used in conjunction with the "T. B. Davis and Brother" store. This outbuilding is sheathed with weatherboard siding and roofed with wood shingles. This structure faces north with the gable oriented on a north/south axis. The north elevation of this structure is pierced by a four-panel door flanked on either side by a six-over-six sash window. The east elevation is blind, and on six-over-six sash window pierces the west elevation. The south end of the building was once pierced by a door, although this entrance is no longer accessible.

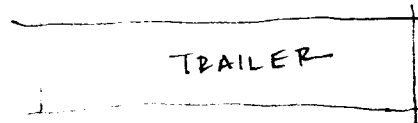
Near the meathouse stands a gable roof garage building. This garage is sheathed with weatherboard and vertical plank siding and is roofed with asphalt shingles. A shed roof addition extends from the south and east ends of the structure.

To the south of the Dyson house and these two outbuildings extends a large garden plot. Next to the southern edge of this cultivated plot sits a one-room, gable roof building sheathed in weatherboard siding and roofed with tin. This outbuilding served as the office for the "New Market Manufacturing Company," an ice plant and flour mill founded in the 1920s by Elbert Dyson. Both the ice plant and mill were originally located at the rear of the Dyson property. The small office is all that remains of this complex. The north and west elevations of this structure are lit by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds. The south elevation is pierced by a modern door. The east elevation is blind and occupied by an exterior brick chimney.

To the south of this outbuilding stands a vacant trailer. On the southeast edge of the Dyson property stands an old frame outhouse in disrepair.

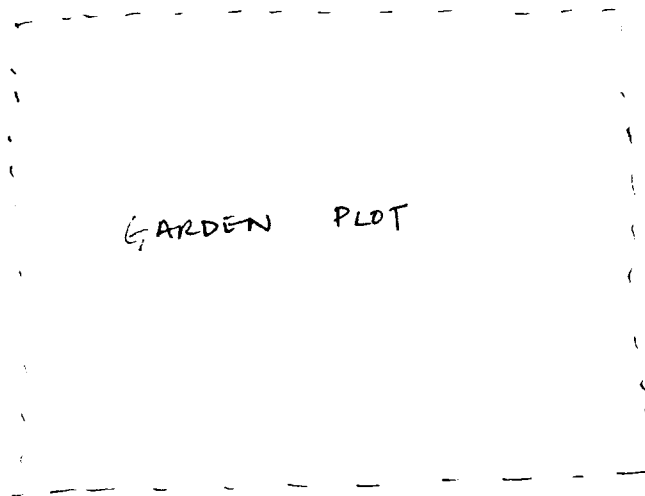
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7.2 Description

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HOUSE

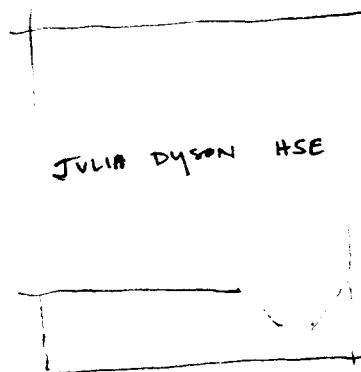
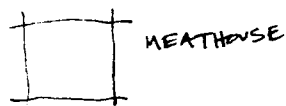
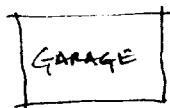


Site Plan

"NEW MARKET MANUFACTURING CO."
OFFICE



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ROUTE 6

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Elbert V. Dyson

FROM: Thomas B. Davis and Lula L. Davis

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 19, folio 85.

DATE: March 15, 1920

NOTES: Elbert V. Dyson died intestate on December 15, 1968, and this property is now in the possession of his widow, Julia Dyson. At his death, Dyson's real estate was improved by a two story frame house, a barn, and an ice plant (Realty Inventory MRB 3/58.) Transfer of 1 1/2 acres.

Price: \$1500

TO: Thomas B. Davis of Anacostia, Washington D. C.

FROM: Elkanah H. Edwards and Margaret Edwards

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JJG 3, folio 420.

DATE: April 15, 1896

NOTES: Transfer of 1 1/2 acres "...together with the dwellings and improvements thereupon, among others, two dwelling houses and stable and one store house..."

Price: \$1700

TO: Elkanah H. Edwards

FROM: George P. Lee and Mary Lee

RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 7, folio 88.

DATE: December 23, 1881.

NOTES: Transfer of 1 1/2 acres. Price: \$150

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Julia Dyson house

New Market

Charlotte Hall Quad

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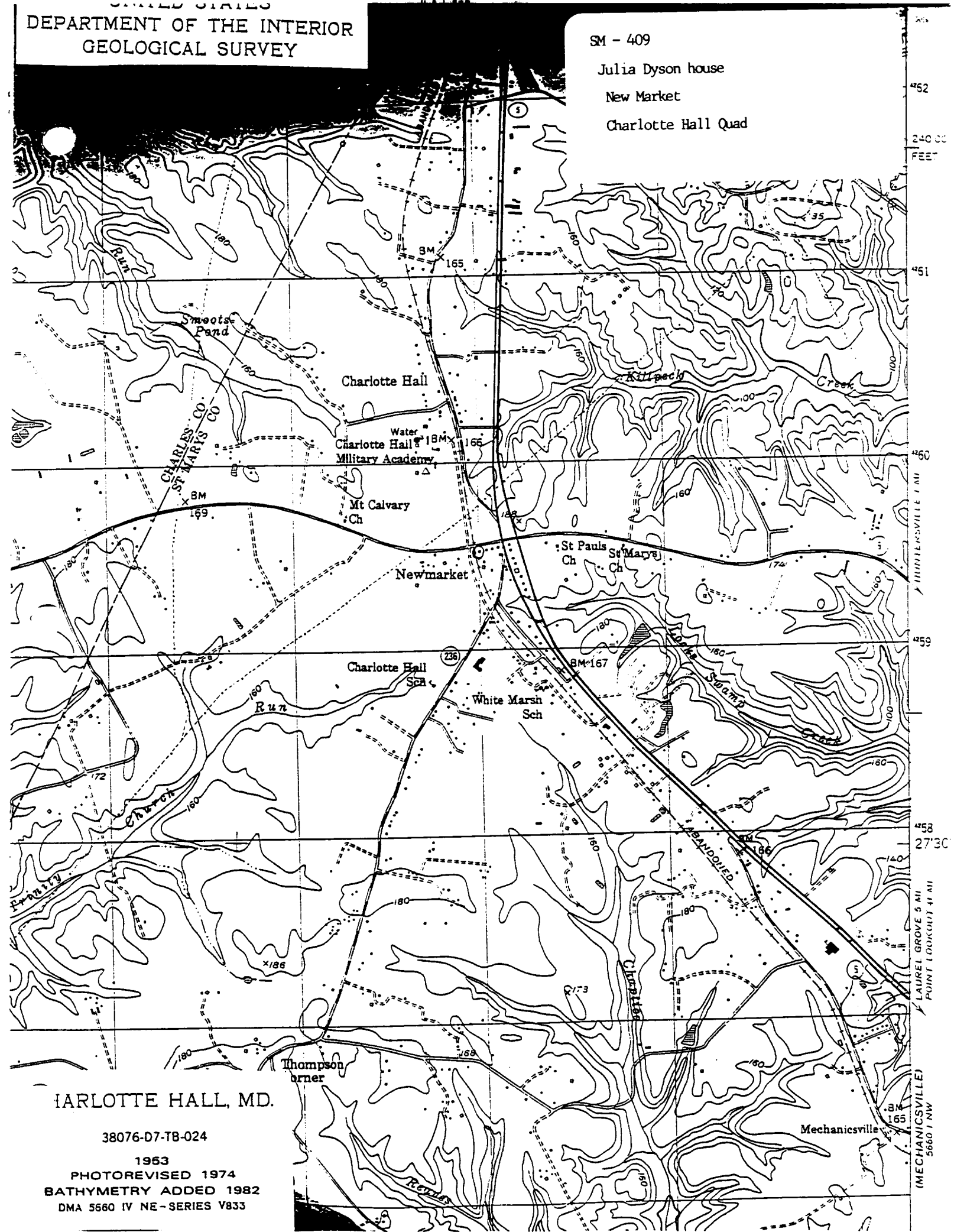
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5660 / NW



CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.

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BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982

DMA 5660 IV NE-SERIES V833



Mr. John J. [unclear]

St. Mary's [unclear] - MD

Elizabeth [unclear]

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